

REMARKS

The specification is amended to indicate a corresponding U.S. Patent Application Serial Number, previously left blank. New claims 25-39 are added, and are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed.

Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Applicants' statement of prior art. Applicants traverse the rejection as follows.

Use of release agents to reduce undesirable donor-receiver sticking is known in the art. However, use of the particular stick preventative agent claimed by Applicants in a thermal receiver element and print assembly was not previously known. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the specific stick preventative agent structure set forth in each independent claims, claims 1 and 25.

Claims 1-24 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-34 of copending Application Number 10/667,065, and claims 1-18 of copending Application Number 10/729,567. Applicants provide the following response.

In order to further prosecution, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent Application Number 10/667,065 in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c). It is Applicants' intent to abandon application 10/729,567 in favor of the currently pending application, the claims thereof having been added to this application at the suggestion of the Patent Office. No Terminal Disclaimer with regard to application 10/729,567 will be submitted. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are thus respectfully requested.

Applicants submit all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt action in the form of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner require anything further, or have any questions,
the Examiner is asked to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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Examiner is requested to communicate with Eastman Kodak Company Patent Operations at (585) 477-4656.**